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1. DEPT. PLEASED TO NOTE PER REF A THAT INCREASED
REPORTAGE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS INDICATES AN EVIDENT
AWARENESS ON THE GOM'S PART OF THE SMUGGLING OF HEROIN
AND OTHER NARCOTICS FROM MALAYSIA TO WESTERN EUROPE.
WE ALSO AGREE ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A COORDINATED
APPROACH IN THE EUROPEAN NATIONS PRIMARILY CONCERNED,
AN IDEA THAT, PER REF B, WE ARE PURSUING. EMBASSY
KUALA LUMPUR'S SUGGESTION OF AN "INTERNATIONAL TASK
FORCE" MIGHT BE FURTHER CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF
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THE RESULTS OF THIS INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH WE TEND TO

SHARE KUALA LUMPUR DEA'S VIEW CITED REF A REGARDING THE FORESEEABLE EXTENT OF THAI-GOM COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD. PERHAPS THIS IDEA COULD BE EXPLORED MORE THOROUGHLY AT UPCOMING NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE (SEPTTEL).

2. OUR POINT IN REF C WAS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT CONCERN OVER SMUGGLING OF HEROIN AND OTHER NARCOTICS FROM MALAYSIA TO WESTERN EUROPE IS NOT JUST A U.S. CONCERN IN MALAYSIA, OR A PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT MALAYSIAN AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM, BUT RATHER, A MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. SUPPLEMENTING THE REPRESENTATIONS IN THE HAGUE AND BONN THAT REF B CALLS FOR, WE BELIEVE THAT LOCAL REPRESENTATIONS BY CONCERNED WESTERN EUROPEAN MISSIONS WOULD BE OF BENEFIT IN HIGH-LIGHTING THE INTERNATIONAL NATURE OF THIS CONCERN. WE THEREFORE AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR CONSULT WITH THE GERMAN AND DUTCH EMBASSIES PER REF C. THE MALAYSIAN NEWSPAPER REPORTS CITED REF A, WHICH MAKE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE "AMSTERDAM CONNECTION", WOULD SEEM TO FURNISH A FORTUITOUS SPRINGBOARD FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER

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